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In re the application of: Jan Eirik Ellingsen *et al.*

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Examiner: David J. Isabella

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed from the PTO on February 23, 2005, indicating that Applicants failed to timely file a reply to the Final Office Action mailed on January 23, 2004. Applicants filed an Amendment and Response, Request for Continued Examination and a concurrent Five-Month Extension of Time on February 22, 2005. Copies of the Express Mail Label and postcard, date-stamped by the PTO, are also enclosed to verify the submission.

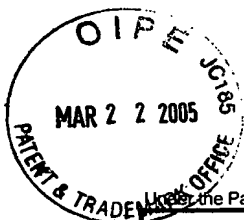
It is respectfully requested that the erroneously-issued Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the application be revived. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be useful, please call me at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia M. Soroos".

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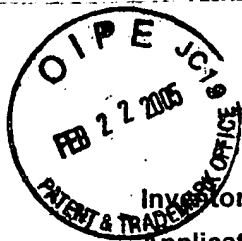
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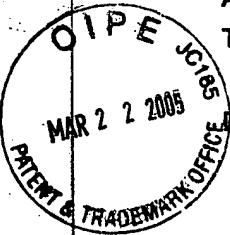
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